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TOKYO AND PEKING IN NEWS ACCORD

Exchange of Correspondents Was Arranged Privately

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TOKYO, Sept. 26.—Japan and Communist China have agreed to exchange news correspondents, the Japan Newspaper Publishers and Editors Association announced today.

The exchange was worked out in private negotiations between the Japanese organization and the China National Association of Newspaper Operators in Peking. Because the two countries do not have diplomatic relations, the arrangements were made at a non-official level. However, there was Government approval on both sides for special visa arrangements and requirements for domestic travel.

Japanese news organizations will be permitted to station nine correspondents in Peking and Communist China may send seven to Tokyo. All will have visas for one year, after which they may be reassigned or replaced for another year. In effect, the authorized organizations will have permanent bureaus in the respective capitals.

'Unlimited' Coverage

It was agreed in "principle," the Japanese announcement stated, that the correspondents should be permitted "unlimited" coverage. However, the Japanese will be required to obtain permission of the Chinese Communist authorities to travel be-

yond 45 kilometers (about 28 miles) from Peking, while the Chinese may go anywhere in Japan provided the Government is notified in advance of their movements.

Because of Communist objections to fingerprinting, the Japanese Government has waived its regulation, for the benefit of the Chinese correspondents, that all foreigners with residence visits must have their residence prints on their alien-registration cards.

In addition to the nine Japanese to be assigned to Communist China for a year, Peking will permit five additional correspondents to stay in the country for one month for news coverage before and after the Oct. 1 festival commemorating the 15th anniversary of the Communist revolution.

Twelve Japanese correspondents are to leave tomorrow for Hong Kong en route to Peking. The Chinese contingent is expected in Tokyo in a few days.

Talks Started in '56

Japan is the fourth country in the pro-Western bloc to station correspondents in Communist China on a permanent basis. The others are Britain, France and Canada.

Talks on the Japanese exchange have been held intermittently in Peking since 1956. The negotiations finally succeeded, it is said, through the efforts of Kenzo Matsumura, former Education Minister and a leading member of the conservative ruling Liberal-Democratic party. He was in Peking last April.

The Japanese news organizations to be represented in Peking are the newspapers Asahi, Mainichi, Yomiuri, Sankei and Hihon Keizai, of Tokyo, and Nishi Hihon of Kukuoka; the Kyodo News Agency, the Japan Broadcasting Corporation (NHK) and the Tokyo Broadcasting System.